

## **Elias Albert Bushman**

### **1850-1950 Lehi Centennial History**

Eias Albert Bushman was born December 6, 1849, in Hyland Grove, Iowa, a son of Martin and Elizabeth Degen Bushman. As his mother was past the age of child bearing when he was born, she considered him a gift from God and called him Elias.

His parents were driven from their home in Nauvoo and were in very bad circumstances.

He was two years old when the family came to Utah. It was a tiresome journey for Albert who was too young to walk. When they arrived at Lehi, he did not enjoy the comforts that children have today. Their food and clothing were meager but Albert grew up healthy and strong. His schooling was very limited. He acquired enough education to handle his business.

March 27, 1879, he married Margaret Zimmerman by whom eleven children were born, eight survived him. They were Elias Albert, Jr., John M. and Suel J. Bushman, Margaret (Mrs. Byron Beck), Sylvia (Mrs. John F. Bradshaw), LaVerde (Mrs. Oliver Kirkham), Evelyn (Mrs. Harmon McAffe). He ruled his children with love and they had the greatest respect for him.

He was a successful farmer and sheep man. He was a good tithe payer, faithful in church duties, fulfilled two missions for the Latter-day Saint Church - one to the Southern States in 1891 and 1892, and to California in 1896 and 1897.

He was a member of Lehi Stake Tabernacle building committee from start to finish, and belonged to Alpine Stake High Council at the time of his death October 15, 1925.